

The Christian Center Newsletter 12-1-24

The Born-Again Experience

Today we will be talking about the greatest thing that has ever happened to mankind - being born again! The majority of the human race basically never gives any thought to this subject, and even the Christian community doesn't think about it either. The reason for this is that the devil and his kingdom are always doing their best to keep people in their five senses. If we just live our lives based on what we can see, hear, smell, touch, or taste, we will stay ignorant of the spiritual world. When a person receives Jesus as their personal Savior, they are not just forgiven for their sins; they are actually born again spiritually. This might be a boring message to those that have heard it before but don't meditate on it. I have heard loving Christians just take this teaching for granted and not experience their new spiritual life while they are here on the earth. Today I'm going to give you many Scripture verses that talk about you spiritually. If you meditate on these verses, you will start knowing yourself after the spiritual person that you are; then you will start doing powerful, spiritual things that your Father God wants you to do. The devil will start losing control over you, as you identify with the new spiritual you.

John 3:3-8 KJV Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. [4] Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? [5] Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. [8] The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

1 Peter 1:22-23 KJV Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: [23] Being born again, not of corruptible

seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 John 3:1-2 KJV Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. [2] Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

Now we that are born-again Christians, are not born again in our bodies yet; we are born-again spirits. The inward man, which is our spirit, has received the new life of Christ. Our bodies still want to manifest sin, but the spirit that we are has God's divine nature in it; and, with Holy Ghost's help, our spirit resists the body's desires.

Galatians 5:16-25 KJV This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. [17] For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. [18] But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. [19] Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these ; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, [21] Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. [22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. [24] And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. [25] If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Now I know this is a long Newsletter, but it is for you to spend time meditating and studying the Scriptures that identify you as spirit, so you can live a spiritual life while you are in your natural body. I will close with these Scriptures; if you study them, they will change your life forever.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 KJV Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we Him no more. [17] Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. [18] And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. [20] Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. [21] For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings
Monday 1 Corinthians 1

Tuesday 1 Corinthians 2

Wednesday 1 Corinthians 3

Thursday 1 Corinthians 4

Friday 1 Corinthians 5

Saturday 1 Corinthians 6

Sunday 1 Corinthians 7

STAY CONNECTED

** If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

** Singles will be eating after Services at: Billy Simms 1820 W Gore

** Deadline is Sunday 12/1 to sign up for Men's Recharge if you want a t-shirt; Wednesday for no shirt

** Communion this Wednesday

** The Christian Center app- <https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

** You can text to give through the TCC app.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:45am

Children — 6 months - 5th grade

Youth — 6th -12th grades

Young Singles/College & Career —ages 18-26 Eliav/Kim Nash

ADULT CLASSES

*Foundation 1 - Pastor Paul

*Healing - Lester/Monica Witherspoon

*Faith - Mike Whitley

*Marriage -Danny/Demetrice Williams

*Foundation 2 - Mike Wiggins

*Prayer - Joe Cunningham

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15 am

* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

Weekly

** Sunday Services: 9:45 am classes; 10:45 am Main Service

** Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm before Services in the Foundation 1 Classroom

** Wednesday Night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)

** Mobile Prayer:
Fri 2-3:30 pm Hobby Lobby parking lot

** Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony

Monthly

*** Men's Fellowship: 1st Saturday 9am at Golden Corral

*** Crosses at the Corner: 1st Saturday 11am-1pm corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.

*** Women's Meeting: 2nd Saturday 9am in Fellowship Hall

*** Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday 5pm in Sanctuary

*** Horse Ministry: 3rd Saturday 10am -1pm at Camp Faith

*** Relationship Class: 4th Saturday 10am-12 in Fellowship Hall. Childcare 4 years old and up